

## **GREENSBORO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**Wednesday, April 11, 2012 – 4 pm**

**Craft Recreation Center**

**PRESENT MEMBERS:** Lori Galbreath (Chair), Matthew “Matt” Lojko, Jr. (Vice-Chair), Christine “Chris” Cheek, Ken Free, Sr.

**ABSENT MEMBERS:** Zachary “Zach” Crutchfield, Thomas Daniels, Robert Enochs, Ken Free Sr., Robert “Clay” Hassard, Wesley Vaughn

**STAFF PRESENT:** Steve Branson, Jenny Caviness, Casey Chesson, Alfred Lowe (retiree), Ednasha McCray, Weesie Person, Marcie Richardson, Jasia Stevenson, Laurie Thore, Wade Walcutt, Chris Wilson, Dan Maxson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jon Decker (Budget & Evaluation)

The regular meeting of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) was held at Craft Recreation Center. Lori Galbreath, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

### **RECOGNITIONS**

Galbreath recognized Alfred “Coach” Lowe for his 36 years of service with Greensboro Parks and Recreation.

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

#### **Approval of Minutes**

This item was postponed until a motion can be made when a quorum is present.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Glenwood Neighborhood Request to Preserve Open Space at 910 & 1000 Aycock Street**

This item was postponed until a motion could be made when a quorum is present.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

*Galbreath took prerogative of the Chair to hear this item that is scheduled to be presented later during the meeting.*

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Greensboro Youth Council Carnival**

Jasia Stevenson, GYC Coordinator, invited members to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the GYC Carnival on May 8 – 13 at the Greensboro Coliseum. This event is made possible through

volunteers, interns from local universities, partnerships with Fatz Café, Wendy's, Papa John's, Plato's Closet.

### **GIVE – Greensboro's Inclusive Volunteer Experience**

Jenny Caviness, Youth Services and Volunteer Management Division Manager, introduced the PRC to this new initiative that serves as marketing campaign for volunteers. Caviness presented a powerpoint (attached) to members with more information on this program. The goal of this program is to bring in and engage citizens with Parks and Recreation to enhance the community and improve services through volunteers. Every year Parks and Recreation has approximately 9,000 volunteers totaling over 77,000 hours. The independent sector states that the value of volunteer hours in NC is \$18.18; therefore the annual amount of volunteerism for Parks and Recreation is approximately \$1.4 million. Volunteer opportunities are available to those of all ages and project opportunities range from small to large and available in almost all Greensboro communities. Adoption opportunities are available at parks, trails, garden spaces, and more. There are currently 15 out of 20 trail spaces adopted.

### **Conceal Carry**

Chris Wilson, Park Management and Operations Division Manager, reported that staff previously came before the PRC to discuss a recommendation for ordinance 18-24 - Carry Conceal. This recommendation is a result of the general statute that was passed at the state level in December 2011. This general statute allows local municipalities the opportunity to pass an ordinance at the local level at playgrounds, athletic fields and swimming pools. An ordinance already exists regarding municipal buildings and will continue to remain in effect.

When this item previously came before the PRC staffed talked about exemptions as it relates to whole facilities. At that time, the interpretation of the ordinance as it related to the statue was that people could not to have carry conceals in parks if the parks contained amenities such as playgrounds. After further research and after taking the matter to City Council this was found not to be case and carry conceal can only be prohibited at the specific facilities that were mentioned in the general statute; playgrounds, athletic fields, and swimming pools.

Members were given a list of parks and recreation facilities where carry conceal is prohibited. Staff is gathering information to determine the amount necessary to replace signage. Enforcement will be conducted similar to that of the sex offender ban where if someone is creating a problem that person could be charged.

### **War Memorial Stadium**

Wilson reported that staff has come before the PRC on several occasions to discuss War Memorial Stadium (WMS). As stated on multiple occasions, the stadium is in disrepair improvements need to be made. WMS was built in 1927. Primary use for the stadium is collegiate baseball, specifically by NCA&T and Greensboro College. The city contracted Sutton-Kinnerly, concrete architectural experts, to conduct an assessment on WMS in 2003 which indicated that there were structural repairs needing to be made to extend the life of the stadiums. The report also indicated that repairs would be cost prohibited and perhaps more costly than replacement. At that time there was an awareness that decisions needed to be made.

Wilson presented the PRC with photos of showing the corrosion and cracking of the disrepair and proposed renovation concept (attached).

Wilson continued stating that the city sold a \$1.5 million bond in 2008. Parks and Recreation staff began working with a steering committee, the PRC, and the nearby neighborhood. At that time a phase approach was recommended to rehabilitate the facility. All parties agreed that the front of the facility is critical to upholding the integrity of the memorial. Renovation calls for a fair amount of demolition; however does not allow for additional locker room space or visiting team accommodations.

City Council has been requested by staff to move forward with this item; however Members of Council have heard from Aycock community residents expressing their concerns regarding renovation. As a result Council has asked for a second opinion and feels it is best to go back to approach engineers at NC A&T who have offered their services in the past. Staff is reaching out to A&T for a second opinion. Once the second opinion is received reports will be compared with what was reported by Sutton-Kinnerly.

City Council has entertained the possibility of perhaps moving funds from other projects towards the renovation of WMS.

Lojko inquired if the \$1.5 million is for phase one.

Wilson stated that is correct. When staff met with the architect they wanted to ensure that what takes place in phase one will allow opportunity to easily begin doing additional things.

Galbreath inquired whether or not A&T's continues to have an interest for WMS.

Wilson stated that the relationship with A&T remains strong and positive discussions continue about how they can remain involved with WMS. The focus at the moment is what needs to be done to get the facility to where they can continue to play there.

#### **Reorganization within Community Recreation Services Division**

Wade Walcutt, Community Recreation Services Division Manager, reported that reorganization efforts within this division have begun that will increase efficiencies and the amount and quality of programming. Prior to the reorganization, there was a Recreation Center Superintendent who was responsible for 10 recreation centers with 10 direct reports which made it difficult to efficiently monitor recreation centers on a daily basis. Recreation Centers currently have a Center Supervisor and a Custodian onsite at each center.

Discussions with staff took place on how to increase programming and efficiencies and the opportunity to allow staff development. As a result of these discussions, 3 Facility Coordinators positions were created. The Community Recreation Centers have been divided up into 3 different zones based on geographical location. The northern zone includes Leonard, Lewis and Craft Centers. The central zone includes Lindley, Windsor, Warnersville, and Peeler Centers in addition to some supervision of East White Oak Center. Trotter, Glenwood, and Brown Centers are included in the southern zone and will eventually include Hilltop Center. This reorganization

will allow the Recreation Superintendent time to secure additional sponsorships and partnerships with outside organizations and the ability to focus more on long term planning.

Walcutt continued stating that Recreation Leadership positions have also been implemented. This is a result of the strategic planning process with a goal to increase staffing at the community recreation centers and offer 2 entry level job opportunities with a focus on programming. These positions will not be assigned to one specific facility but will report to one of the Facility Coordinators.

The CRS division has recently filled a Special Program Superintendent position. Lojko and Free assisted, among others, with the assessment process for this position. The position was filled with an internal candidate who will focus on aquatics, outdoor adventure and environmental education, senior services and therapeutic recreation sections. These sections previously reported to the CRS Division Manager.

Free inquired if efforts were made to allow existing staff the opportunity to apply for these positions.

Wade stated that meetings were held within his division to discuss and contribute their input on the responsibilities of these new positions and how to enhance programming skills and career development.

Lojko inquired if these are new positions.

Walcutt stated that Facility Coordinator Positions and Recreation Leaderships positions were funded through unfilled current positions.

*Galbreath stated that due to the fact that there are not enough members present to have a quorum a special meeting will be called to hear the Glenwood Neighborhood Request item.*

***Upon the conclusion of the PRC meetings discussions were held with the Glenwood Neighborhood representatives, PRC members, and Parks and Recreation staff and it was then determined that a special meeting will not be necessary and that this item will be placed on the May PRC agenda.***

#### **ADDENDUM**

NONE

#### **SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR**

NONE

#### **DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

In the absence of the Director, Greg Jackson, Dan Maxson, Administrative Services Manager, reported that the final community budget meeting will be held tomorrow at 6:30 pm and will be held at the Western Division Police Station.

The Keeley Park Grand Opening will be held on April 22 at 2 pm.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

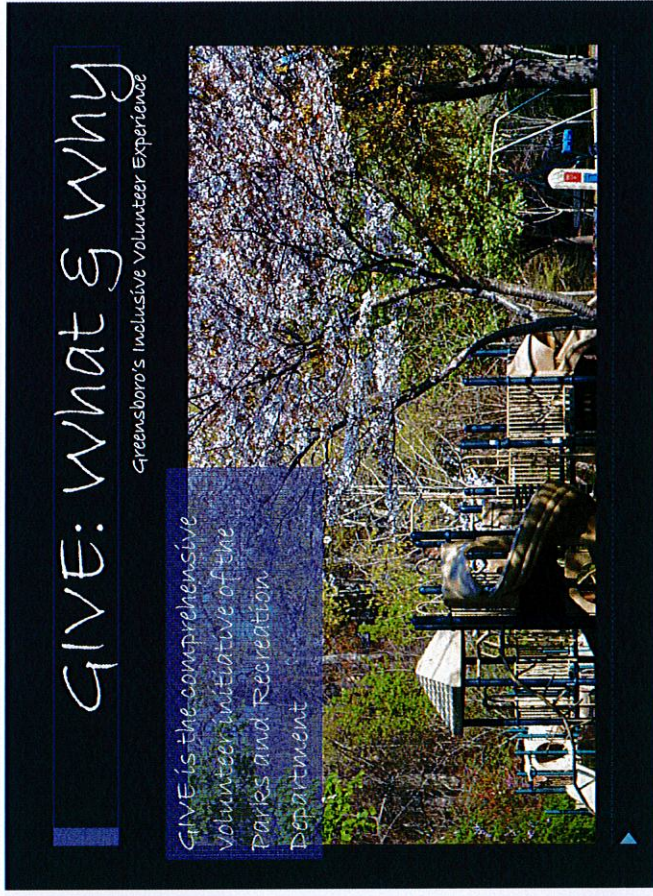
Cheek stated that she was pleased to hear efforts taking place with volunteers.

Lojko commended staff for their marketing and communication efforts relaying information on Parks and Recreation facilities, programs and events.

Galbreath stated that she attended the Painting 4 Diversity display and was able to partake in the voting process. Galbreath extended the invitation to the Keeley Park Grand Opening.

With no further business Galbreath adjourned the meeting at 4:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marcie Richardson, Executive Assistant  
Greensboro Parks and Recreation





## Corporate Opportunities

Board Positions, Program Leaders, Adopt Us Programs and more



## Adopt Us...

- Trail
- Garden Spaces
- Park
- Structures



## Working with Youth

- After School Care/Tutoring
- Athletic Coaching, Coaching Assistants, Field Supervisors



## Special Event Opportunities





## Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

Administrative Support,  
Clerical Work.  
Board Positions  
City Arts  
Landscaping and  
Maintenance  
Program Leaders  
/ Assistants  
Wildlife Center



## Family Friendly

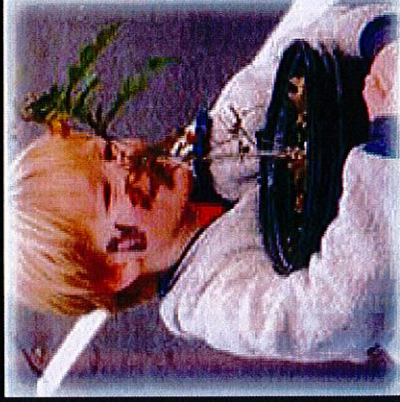
- Litter Clean ups
- Tree Plantings
- Toy Clean Ups
- Tyler's Locker
- Adopt A Park
- Adopt A Trail

## Unique Opportunities

Partnership Opportunities  
Greensboro Beautiful

Teen Opportunities:

- Greensboro Youth Council
- Scout Projects



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## War Memorial Stadium Renovation

City Council  
April 3, 2012

### War Memorial Stadium Renovation

- Built in approximately 1927
- 85 years old
- Currently used by NC A&T State University and youth baseball programs
- Stadium has a long history of use-football games, Greenboro Hornets, Greensboro Bats, Greensboro Grasshoppers, NC A&T baseball, etc.

## War Memorial Stadium Renovation

- City contracted engineering firm Sutton-Kennerly & Associates, Inc, in 2003 and 2008.
- 2003 report indicated major structural repairs needed to extend useful life.
- Repairs may be cost prohibitive and more costly than replacement.
- Numerous signs of spalling, delamination, corrosion and cracking.

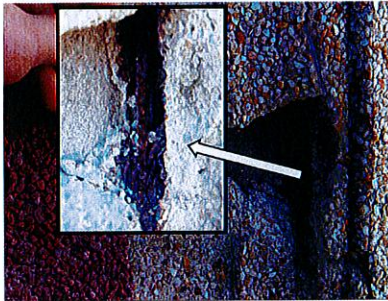
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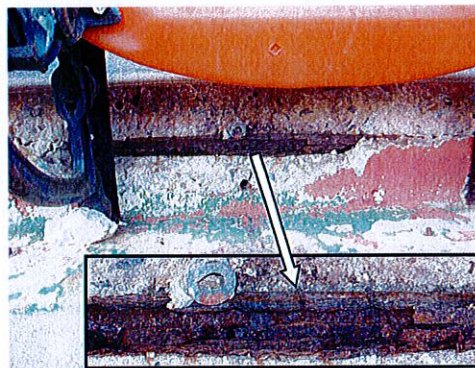


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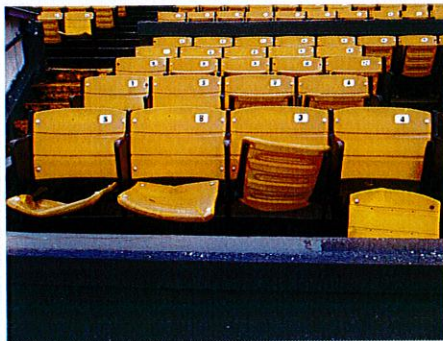
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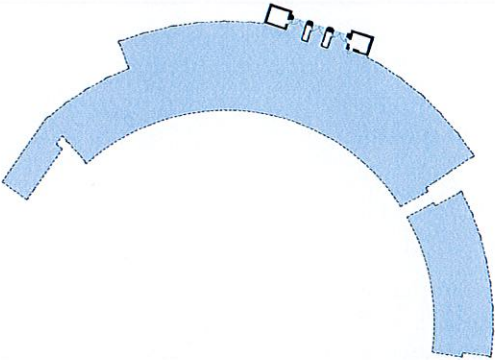
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- City sold \$1.5 M in general obligation bonds in 2008 to make repairs.
- Worked with a steering committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Recommend a phased approach to rehabilitation.

## War Memorial Stadium Renovation



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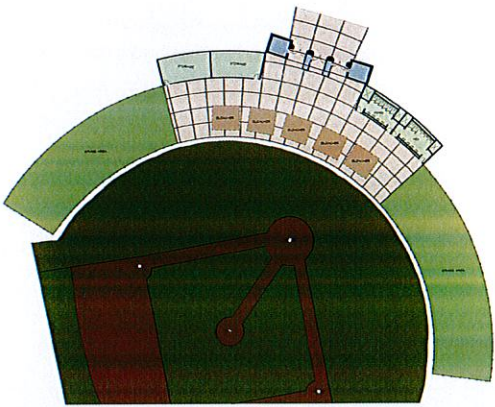


DEMOLITION

WAR MEMORIAL STADIUM  
Greensboro, North Carolina  
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PROPOSED

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PROPOSED STADIUM RENOVATIONS



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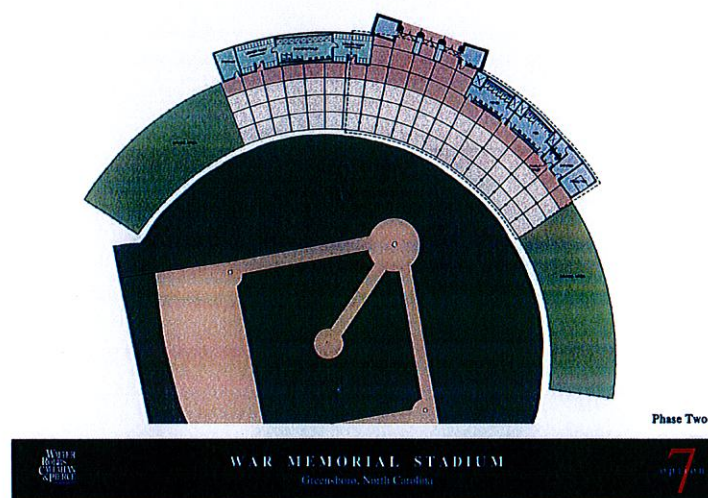
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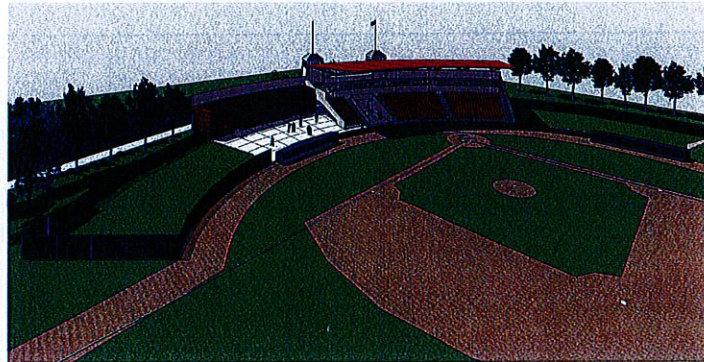
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Could be a future phase II

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Phase Two



## War Memorial Stadium Renovation

- The stadium as it is today, needs help
- It is beyond repair and needs renovated
- This approach makes it safer, and a better asset for the community
- Seeking approval to move forward with renovation

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## Questions